

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, October 17, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Doherty, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include revised resolution sheet for #7 and #9a, b and c (resolutions). **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lisa Lepine, Associate Director, Arc Services of Michigan

Ms. Lepine spoke on behalf of the Macomb Provider Alliance and in support of their request for an exemption to the Living Wage Policy.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY SWITALSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,676,102.82, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED (WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/CIRCUIT COURT FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Duzyj, to appoint the following law firms:

Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aseltyne & Field, PC in regard to the case of Sam Yousif vs. Macomb County Sheriff's Department and

PlunkettCooney in regard to the case of Keith Lamont Johnson vs. County of Macomb, et al.

The Motion Carried.

APPROVE EXEMPTIONS TO LIVING WAGE POLICY

SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REINSTATE THE EXEMPTIONS FOR ALL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Commissioner Szczepanski felt that important services are being provided and this is not the time to require providers of mental health services to adopt this policy. He noted the budget issues at the state which puts additional stress on the providers.

SUBSTITUTE TO THE MOTION

A motion was made by Gielegghem, supported by Doherty, to postpone action on this item until the December meeting

Commissioner Gielegghem stated that he made this motion at the request of the providers that he has been working very closely with. He said that although the departments responsible for reviewing the applications did a great job, it is not a complete picture of what is needed to consider the exemptions. He said they are making progress on determining how the wage increases can be provided and meet the intent of the policy, but also recognize the realities of decapitated rates from the state. He felt that by postponing this, they will have a better sense of their funding picture and the Board will have more time to do what the policy intended.

Commissioner Rengert spoke against the December deadline and hoped that Commissioner Szczepanski's motion will include everyone on the list provided by the Finance Department because they are not all mental health providers.

Commissioner Doherty said she has been reviewing the applications and reports that have been submitted and some of the agencies did not submit all of the information that was requested and that is part of the additional work that is needed. She noted that business will continue as usual while this work is being done.

Commissioner DeSaele suggested establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to review the applications.

Commissioner Doherty said she is willing to do the homework regardless if she is a member of an ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Rengert expressed his concern that contracts are due to expire and that should be addressed if this issue is postponed. He requested a friendly amendment that all contracts be extended until December. That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

Further discussion ensued and questions were asked of Mr. Habkirk.

A roll call vote was taken on the substitute to the motion as follows:

Voting Yes were Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Mijac, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Torrice and Slinde. There were 18 "Yes" votes.

Voting No were Brown, DeSaele, Drolet, Lund, Rengert, Vosburg and Szczepanski. There were 7 "No" votes.

The Motion Carried.

Commissioner DeSaele asked that an Ad Hoc Committee be established so that the applications are reviewed by a broad spectrum of Commissioners.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion to postpone and **The Motion Carried with Brown, DeSaele, Drolet, Lund, Rengert, Vosburg and Szczepanski voting No.**

The motion now reads as follows:

MOTION

A motion was made by Gielegghem, supported by Doherty, to postpone action on this item until the December meeting and that all contracts be extended until then. **The Motion Carried.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Duzyj, to approve the travel requests as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

COMMENDING JOHN RAESE ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE NATIONAL REGISTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OFFERED BY SAUGER);

COMMENDING LORA JO SIMPSON ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE NATIONAL REGISTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OFFERED BY SAUGER) AND

CONGRATULATING THE FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT & EDUCATION GROUP – 10TH ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY GIELEGHEM).

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter